NEWS BY TELEGRAPH. INTERESTING FROM WASHINGTOV.

THE CALIFORNIA LAND TITLE BILL. The Army and Mavy Retired List. NEW YORK BRANCH MINT BILL. Riection of Senators in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Governor Quitman Surrendered. EXTRAORDINARY COLD WEATHER,

> &c., &c., &c. THIRTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION. Senate.

BY MORSE'S MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH, OFFICE, CORNER OF BEAVER AND HANOVER STREETS. WASHINGTON, Jan. 30, 1851.

Mr. Ewing reported a bill allowing the Regents of th Smithsonian Institution to pay into the treasury on chundred and fifty thousand dollars, surplus in their hands, to be added to the permanent enlowment of

DEAD LETTERS IN OREGON AND CALIFORNIA Mr. Busk reported a joint resolution providing tha the dead letters remaining in post offices in California and Oregon, shall be opened in California, by the Postmaster at San Francisco, and a special agent, to be appointed-all letters not containing valuables to destroyed there-those containing valuables to be sent to the department at Washington -the special agent to be appointed at a salary of twenty-five hun-dred dollars. The joint resolution was considered and the engrossment ordered.

Mr. Masen offered a resolution directing enquiry into the propriety of providing by law for payment of Spanish claims on account of the amistead case, as recommended by Mr. Polk in his message of December, 1847.

Mr. Chase objected, and the resolution lies over.

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM.

Mr. WALKER offered a resolution calling on the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to report why they have not removed the National Museum from the Patent Office.

Messts. Pearce, Jefferson, Davis, Foote and Badger opposed the resolution.

Mr. Walker replied, and then the resolution was laid

CALIFORNIA LAND TITLES.

The bill to protect private land claims in California, was then taken up, the question being on Mr. Benton's medified amendment, that being fide possession for twenty years should be evidence of perfect claim.

Mr. Gwn opposed the amendment, as it would secure to priest the vast mission lands they had held possession for more than twenty years.

Mr. Beavon replied, and read from Mexican laws to chow that mission lands had been all seconstrized and made public property, and that there was not one aquare inch of land in California now held under mission grants.

and the public property, and that there was not one square inch of land in California now held under mission grants.

Mr. Dawson read from Taylor's work on California, showing that the question of possession by priests was still in doubt. Mr. G.av opposed the amendment, and then, on mo-

BY BAIN'S ELECTRO-CHEMICAL TELEGRAPH.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30, 1851. ENQUIRY RELATIVE TO THE IMPRISONMENT OF BRITISH SEAMEN

poince saked leave to offer a resolution re questing the President of the United States, if consis tent with the public interests, to communicate to this body any correspondence which may have taken place between Great Britain and this country respecting the imprisonment of British seamen in any port of the United States.

Objection made. Objection made.

PROMISSORS FOR THE DEFENDERS OF THEIR COUNTRY.

Mr. BURK, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported the Senate bill, with an amendment, providing for a retired list for officers of the army and marine corps, who have become infirm by reason of age, wounds and disease contracted in the service.

Mr. BURK, (dem.) of South Carolina, briefly explained the object of the bill. stating that it did not increase nor diminish the number or expenses of the army. The officer who retired was to receive his own pay, proper, and service rations and the officer next in rank was to take his place, with pay proper for his own grade, and the allowances of the grade of officers placed on the retired list.

Mr. Gudsines, (free soil) of Ohio, knew of no more merit between the officer of the army who serves his

merit between the officer of the army who serves his country at the cannon's mouth, and one who braves public opinion here, when it is against him, in the performance of his duty. There is not so much merit in the one as the other. He looked on the bill as laying the foundation for pensions, like those of European countries; and moved that the bill be reterred to the Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union.

Mr. John A. King (whig), or New York advocated the bill, contending that it was for the efficiency of the service, and that its sections were so clear as to show that not the increase of one officer or one dollar was intended. It was for the House to act promptly. If the bill should go to the Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, it would never be reached.

Mr. Jones, (dem) of Tenn. moved to lay the bill on the table, which was decided in the affirmative, by year, 64; mays, 69. rwonth, (dem.) of Illinois, moved to re-con-

Mr. Wrayworns, (dem.) of limbers, moved to be solder the vote.

Mr. Tomas, (whig) of Georgia, moved to by the molion on the table.

Mr. Wrayworn moved that the House go into
committee on the Mint bill, which was decided in the
negative—jeas S7, mays 102

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr.
Tombs, which was decided in the effectative—60 to 91.

the certificate of the Assault Treaturer of treasurers of the several mints, to be receivable in payment of states.

Mr. Charnters, (whig) of Pa., opposed establishing a branch mint at New York, as being a wanton waste of public money; and proceeded to show, on the acthority of the director of the Philadelphia mint, that the capacity of that mint for college is competent for any probable or possible down at which can be made upon it. Whether the colonge be a million or a hundred million of dollars—whether the colonge be double engles, or all the smaller pieces, there were machinery, room, and steam enough; and only more hands were required to extend the expective of the Philadelphia mint. He explained the provisions of his substitute, contending that they would answer all business purposes in New York, and then extered into a calculation, to show that gold dust could be brought to Philadelphia from that city, and coin returned for one-fifteenth the amount which it would require to establish and maintain a branch mint in New York. He presented his objections at large to the bill, which was, he said, to gratify a little city pride, the branch not being required by public necessity, nor by the cauntry.

Mr. Yantza, (whig) of New Jersey, said he resided

the branch not being required by public necessity, nor by the country.

Mr. Vanuvan, (whig) of New Jersay, said he resided midway between the belligerent parties or Phindelphia and New York, and was interested only so far as necessity required. He believed that there should be a branch mist at or near New York, and, therefore, moved to strike out New York from the bill, sud-substitute Jersey City. He pressed this ameniment, showing the conveniences of the less named city, and its superior advantages in all respects. It would not cost one half as much money as in New York; and, as a compromise, he hoped his amendment would be adopted.

Mr. Kino, of New Jetsey, obtained the floor, and gave way for a motion that the committee rise, which prevailed
Mr. Vinton, (free sell) of Okio, made an effort to extend the time for closing debate from 12 to 8 o'clock, pending which the House adjourned.

The examination of Hiram Knickerbooker and Chauncey Hall, the supposed murderers of Herkner commenced this morning at 11 o'clock, before Justice Child, at McArthur's Garden. The prisoners were brought in bandouffed. The place of examination not being generally known, and the weather being intense y cold, the crowd was not so great as yesterday. The prisoners manifested very little concere, but on the ontrary, appeared very cheerful. Two witnesses have

contary, appeared very eneerful. Two witnesses have leen examined, among whom was Mrz. Harkner, the widow of the murdered man. The examination is still joing on. George W. Clinton is coussel for the prisoner.

P. S.—The examination of the murderers of Harkser was finished at F. M. A large number of witnesses were examinated to take their trial at the next March term.

NEW YORK LEGISLATURE. BY MORSE'S MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

Of citizens of Northern New York, asking for a bridge

MEMORIAL.

ver Lake Champlain, at Rouse's Point. -very numerously signed—of citizens of Hudson, that

mbeats may be compelled to give checks for baggage, as railroads are now compelled to; for par re-demption of country bank notes in New York.

For a quarter per cent for redemption of country bank notes in New York and Albany. This is by majority of the committee.

ELECTION OF UNITED STATES SENATOR The Senate concurred with the Assembly in a resolution to proceed to the election of United States Benator, on Tuesday, February fourth, at noon.

THE FLEA OF USURY.

Mr. Morgan introduced a bill to prevent individuals from interposing the plea of usury.

BILL. NOTICED.

Mr. Barcock gave notice of a bill to regulate burials and interments in cities.

and interments in cities.

Mr. Johnson addressed the Sepate in defence of proceedings for cellection of rents on manerial leases until the question of title is sattled.

Mr. Mann contended that no relief would be granted to tenants. He thought the bill as continuation of those measures which have been rife since the antirest agitation—which hold out a promise and a hope, without any real relief. The bill was a practical deception on the tenants.

The debate was continued by Mr. Babcock, but no question was taken.

The Senate determined to proceed to the election of a Regent of the University, in place of Peter Wendell, decessed. Adjourned.

ALBANY, Jan. 31, 1851. PETITIONS,

To stay the collection of rents on manorial lands eight, for the repeal or modification of the free school law; for the amendment of the existing assessmen laws; of four life insurance companies of New York in favor of the registration of births, &c.; two, to fur nish copies of Webster's unabridged Dictionary to every school district; for the abolition of capital pu

Por the incorporation of telegraph companies by

For the incorporation of telegraph companies by general law.

The Becretary of the New York State Agricultural Society, transmited a report of its proceedings for the past year.

The bill relative to the New York Life Benevelent Insurance Company was passed.

HR. THOMFRON. of New York, called up a resolution, offered by him the day previous, relative to an expression of the sense of the House on the compromise measures, in view of the approaching election of a United States Senstor, and spoke at length in advocacy of the resolution. by of the resolution.

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Mr. Benedict, of Oneids, moved that the resolution be laid on the table, which was carried.

Mr. Varnun, of New York, offered the following resolution, as a substitute to the resolution censuring the Judiciary Committee, for not reporting on the Compromise resolutions:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to report suitable resolutions surpressive of the sentiments of this Legislature in favor of acquiescence in his late annual message in relation to the legislation of the last Congress, commonly known as the Compromise messures.

Mr. Varnum supported the resolution.

Mr. Tuthill, of Suffolk, moved to lay the resolution on the table. Carried—ayes 57, nays 47.

Several persons were convicted yesterday, in the Criminal Court, for being engaged in the disgraceful fire riots which occurred here about the 16th January The Pennsylvania tariff democrats are exceedingly enraged at the defeat of their proposition for a modification, yesterday, by being ruled out of order, and ar determined upon pressing it on all occasions, especially upon the bill appointing appraisers at large, which is expected to pass the Senate next week.

Bosron, Jan. 30, 1881. The House, to-day, elected Robert Rantoul United States Senator for the short term. The vote stood: -

PROVIDENCE, Jan. 30, 1851. General Charles T. James, democrat, is elected United States Senator for six years, on the eighth ballot, by one majority. The following is the vote :-T James, dem

abn Whipple, whig 22

F. Simmons, whig 11

cattering 14

Election of a New Jersey U. S. Fenator.

NEWARK, Jan. 30, 1851. The joint meeting to elect a United States Senato:

The Pennsylvania Legislature, &c.

Hannissung, Jan. 30, 1851.
In the Senate, a number of petitions were presented

but nothing of interest was done. Petitions were presented, in the House, praying tha banks may be allowed to issue small notes; in favor of a new county, to be called Monongabela, and against the alteration of the law to prohibit kidnapping. Last night was fixed by the Canal Commissioner for making appointments. The applicants for office are greater than ever known.

Recovery of the Money Stolen from Adams Express-Arrest of the Thieves.

Baltimore, Jan. 30, 1851. road, was arrested to-day, and cenfessed to the robber; Canton, and a party has gone out to bring it in. bought some clothing to day, paying Spanish dollars for it, hence the suspicion.

ANOTHER DESPATOR

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 30, 1851. The money stolen from Adams' express, between th city and Baltimore, has all been recovered. The thieves have been arrested, and are now in prison.

Dreadful Steamboat Calamity.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 29, 1851.
The steamboat John Adams, bound from New Orcans to Cincinnati, sunk, yesterday at 3 o'clock A M., at Island 80, near Greenville, and in the space of five minutes her cabin parted from the hull and broke in two. It floated to Greenville and grounded. All the deck passengers (ever 100) were lost—also all the deck hands and firemen, except two. The cabin pas-sengers are all safe, but they lost all their effects.

Private dispatches received at Cincinnati, January 30, 1861.

Private dispatches received at Cincinnati, confirm the loss of the John Adams, with all the deck passengers and hands but two. The boat is a total loss. She struck a snag at island 82, Mississippi rivet.

Ratirond Aceldent-The Defalcation.

Bosron, Jan. 30, 1851. On the Cheshire Railroad, near Walpole, N. II., o Tuesday night, a freight train, loaded with beef cattle horses, sheep, &c., broke an azle, by which the cars

were thrown down an embankment a distance of 76 feet, breaking the cars, and killing nearly 100 sheep, several horses and oxen, and badly wounding many others. The men upon the train escaped with slight bruises.

The news of a heavy defalcation in the Boston and Maine Railroad Cerporation arose from a disorepancy in the accounts, which may yet be explained, the extent of which cannot exceed \$1.585 60, for which the road has security to the amount of \$1.690. Rumor stated the defalcation at \$20,000.

Civilities between Buffalo and Toronto. At a meeting of the officers of the disth Regiment it was resolved to give a Grand Military Ball on the 2let of February, and to invite Sir Hugh Dairymple and the officers of his regiment, is return for the recent invitation given to the Mayor and citizens to the Military Ball at Toronto.

News by the Southern Mail, via Balti-nore.

Battinore, Jan. 3'z, 1851

The New Orleans Price Current estimates ine present crop of cotton at 2,500,000 bales.

Scuntain View. (the residence of Bishop Mead. of Virginia.) near Winchester, was destroyed by fire last week.

One half of the town of Gynthiana. Kentucky, has been destroyed by fire, including the Hotel and Court House.

Proparations for the Execution of Dunbar. ALBANY, Jan. 80, 1861.

The officers of the Burgess corps and artillery have to hold themselves in readiness for to morrow, in case the Sheriff should require their services to protect the Jail. It is feared, from the anxiety manifested to see Dunbar huns, that the civil loroe will not be sufficient

the Sheriff should require their services to protect the Jail. It is feared, from the anxiety manifested to see Dunbar hung, that the civil torce will not be similent to protect the Sheriff.

About 20,000 copies of Dunbar's confession (copyrighted) will be published to merrow. It is said the confession will disclose that the elder bey was murdered first, Dunbar strangling him in the barn, and then hanging him in the tree. The younger boy was murdered shortly after, at the edge of the woods, by blows from the field.

Destructive Fire at Burlington, Vt A fire broke out early this morning, in what is called the Stetson Block, on Church street, consuming that, with several other buildings in the rear; also, the Chittenden County House, and county jail. The loss is about \$10,000, on which there is an insurance of from \$4,000 to \$8,000.

Law Intelligence.

Birghamrov, Jan. 30, 1851.

The suit of E. Bartram, tanner, vs. N. Gilman & Son, hide and leather dealers, of New York, which has been pending six days and nights, was summed up yesterday. The amount pending between the parties is about \$5,000, claimed by Gilman & Son for bad tanning. Both parties engaged very able counsel. No decision has been made public yet.

Metereological Observations.

BY Morse's Line, Office 16 Wall Street.

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Burralo, Jan. 30-9 & M.

Beautiful morning, but cold. Thermometer 3 deg.

below zero. Wind northwest. Barometer 29.40,

8 P. M.—Still very cold. Wind northwest. Thermometer 4 degrees above zero, and falling. Barometer 29.40, and rising.

Bookerster, Jan. 30-9 A.M.

29.40, and rising.

ROCHESTER, Jan. 30—9 A M.

Wind northwest, and blowing strong; air full of frost, and intense cold. Thermometer 3 degrees below zero; at six o'clock it was 8 below.

8 P. M.—Wind northwest; clear and very cold. Thermometer has stood at zero all day, and is now 3 below it.

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AUBURN, Jan. 30-9 A. M.

Very cold, and storming hard, with strong wind from northwest. Thermometer 3 deg. above zero. The worst storm we have had this season

8 P. M.—Cloudy, but not stormy. Wind west. Thermometer 6 degrees above zero.

8 Yearcuse, Jan. 30-9 A. M.

One of the coldest nights we have had, with considerable snow, and a very cutting northwest wind. Thermometer 2 degrees below zero.

8 P. M.—Has been a very severe, cold day, with a strong northwest wind. Thermometer at zero.

Osweco, Jan. 30-9 A. M.

An exceedingly unpleasant morning, and by far the coldest of the season. High wind from the west; air filled with frost. Thermometer 4 degrees below zero.

8 P. M.—Weather still unpleasant; a severe, being west wind. Thermometer 5 degrees above zero, and falling.

Urca, Jan. 30-9 A. M.

Bright morning, and pleas as a bell. Wind seeb.

falling.

Urica, Jan. 30—9 A. M.

Bright morning, and clear as a bell. Wind northwest Last night the coldest we have had for many years. Thermometer 10 degrees below zero at 8 o'clock.

Barometer 29 510.

8 P. M.—The weather has been very severe to day.
Thermometer has stood all day at 4 degrees below zero, and now falling. Wind has blown hard all day from the northwest. Sieighing quite good. Barometer 29,750.

29.750.

Clear and very beautiful morning but very cold.

Wind west. Mercury in barometer 54½. Barometer 29.925. Thermometer 2 degrees above zero.

8 P. M.—Clear and very cold all day. Wind west. Mercury in barometer 55 Barometer 30.187. Thermometer 5 degrees above zero. mometer 5 degrees above zero.

Taov, Jan. 30—9 A. M.

Very cold and clear. Wind blowing strong from north all night, and still blowing. Thermometer 5 degrees below zero.

8 P. M.—Clear and very cold. The thermometer has been at zero all day. It is now 2 degrees below zero. Wind rather brisk from the northwest.

82. Jours, Jan. 30—8 P. M.

Clear and very cold. Thermometer 10 degrees below zero.

Intensely cold. Last night the coldest of the season. Thermometer 10 degrees below zero.

5 P. M. - Very cold. Thermometer 6 degrees above

The coldest night we have had this whater. Wind west, and very clear. Thermometer 12 degrees below zero. Barometer 29 75. A heavy gale blowing from the west.

8 P. M.—Very clear, but cold. Thermometer 12 degrees below zero. Barometer 35, and rising.

Quanac, Jan. 30—9 A. M.

Thermometer 12 degrees below zero in lower town, and 18 degrees below zero in upper town. Wind west, and clear.

8 P. M.—The wind is west. Thermometer 18 degrees below zero.

Burlington, Jan. 30—9 A. M.

below zero.

BURLINGTON, Jan. 30—9 A. M.

Very cold. Therms meter 8% degrees below zero.

Wind light and from the west.

8 P. M.—Clear and intensely cold. Wind northwest.

Thermometer 6 degrees below zero.

WHITEMALL, Jan. 30—9 A. M. Thermometer 5 degrees below zero.

WHITEHALL, Jan. 30-9 A. M.

Very cold. Thermometer at zero at 8 A. M. Clear

sky. N.-Very cold, and no wind. Thermometer

The coldest day of the season.

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Observed Ham. 30-10 A.M.

Thermometer 5 degrees below zero.

Boston, Jan. 30-8 P.M.

Thermometer at zero. Clear.

Pacytognow, Jan. 30-8 P.M.

Thermometer 4 degrees above zero. Clear. Violent northwest wind. northwest wind.

New Haven, Jan. 30—8 P. M.

Thermometer 6 degrees above zero. Wind nort

Nonwich, Jan. 30-8 P. M.
Thermometer 8 degrees above zero. Wind north Washington, Jan 38-6 P. M.
Thermometer 12 degrees above sero. Clear. Wini Battimone, Jan. 39-6 P. M. Thermometer 11 degrees above zero. Clear. Wine

Wilmington, Jan. 30-6 P. M. Thermometer 10 degrees above zero. Clear. Win northwest. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 30—6 P. M.
Thermometer 13 degrees above zero. Clear. Wind

northwest.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 30-13 M.

Strong northwest wind; clear; very cold. Thermometer 6 degrees above zero.

Privasunoss, Jan. 30-12 M.

Strong northwest wind; clear, and extremely cold.

Clear. Thermometer 7 deg below zero at sunvise.

Clear; wind west of north, very high, with slight anow. Thermometer 6 deg. below zero at 7 o'clock this morning.

Thermometer at 20 Wall street, at 6 P. M., 12 degree above zero. Barometer 30.

Thermometer at 29 Wail street, at 6 P.M., 12 degrees above zero. Barometer 30.

Brooklyn City Intelligence.

Great and Destructive First.—On Wednesday night, about half past nine o'clock, a fire broke out in sir. B. B. Morrell's stables, situate in York street, near the corner of Adams street. A strong wind was blowing at the time, which caused the stames to spread with great rapidity, and, in a very short time, the adjoining premises, being the smoke-house of Mesars Croft & Forbell, in which there was a large quantity of provisions, seur frame houses, two fronting on York street, and two situated in the rear, and in the occupation of Mesars. Dent, Hughes, V. Bedell, Hall, O'Donnell, and several samilies, and Mr. Annett's coopar's shop, were enveloped by the devouring slement. Considerable damage was also done in the coal yard of Mr. Annett, which was in the rear. In Mr. Morrell's stable were two valuable horses, and all efforts to extricate them proving ineffectual, they quickly perished. By the exertions of the firemen, assisted by several from New York, the fire was almost miraculously confined to one half of the block, which was destroyed, with the exception of Mr. Ehirey's grocery store (much damaged by fire and water, a dwelling house on the corner of York and Pearl streets, and Mr. Annett's coal office, at the corner of York and Adams streets. The fiames were extinguished about 12 o'clock, but about 2 o'clock broke out again, causing a record alsarm which was about \$1,000, covered by insurance to the amount of \$700, in the North Western Insurance office, New York. Mr. Hughes, blacksmith, was also insured. The injuries sustained by Mr. Annett, (woul yard) was about \$200, which is more than covered by insurance. The origin of the fire, is unknown, but it is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary, as in originated in the stable, where no one was not the command of the Chief, and rendered of Actored by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have been the work of an incen

Arrest of a Wholesale Swindler in Besten-His Mexican Operations—Sketch of His Lade.

(From the Boston Times, Jan. 28.)

A trifle of excitement was contributed to the usual doke fermine condition of Boston, yesterday, by an arrest made by officer Starkweather, of a man named Henry N. Watson, better known in Boston and New York by the soubregate of "Governor Dorr." The Governor is a swindler, undoubtedly a deep swindler, but we doubt if the present charge will stand against him. The circumstances in the case, as we gather them from various sources, are as follows:—

Watson is a sort of American Dazzie, and his adventures, if detailed in tult, would fill a two volume novel. He is well known in New York, and became proprietor of the life of the commence of the same. For opening Eighty after the same of a large eating house and moste bank. He arrived in San Francisco for some months coining money by his business, but finally left, and went down the Pacific coast to Sen Blas, where the cholers was raging to a fearful extent. By the aid of an East Indian receipt he cured a large number of the afflicted, and then proceeded to the city of Mexico, where he formed the exquaintance of Col. Ramsey, Hon R. F. Letcher, the American Minister, President Arista, and several others, and approved a server of the surface of volume to the difference of the surface banking houses in the city. Baker is an angelishman—syoung and verdant man. He confided in Watton, played moste with him, and introduced him to his Spanish mistress, Aurors De Luce, (the light of the morning). From Baker's own assertions, it appears that he was owner of considerable property, and the very agreed to establish a banking house and hore of the surface of the same bank the was tripped of all like money. Watson told Baker that he was ownered considerable property, and the very agreed to establish a banking house in the city for the ownered to establish a banking house in the city for the permitten the very first and gotter than the pair should proceed to Vera Cr

he was stripped of all list money. Watson told Baker that he was owner of considerable property, and the two agreed to establish a banking house sand hotel at Vera Cruz, for the benefit of Californians.

It was necessary for this arrangement that the pair should proceed to Vera Cruz, and thither they repaired by the ditigencia, accompanied by Colonel Ramsey. When they arrived at the "City of the True Cross," there was more gambling, and Baker says that the paid to Watson the smm of \$2,345, receiving as an equivalent, a draft on Mesers. Howland & Aspinwall, payable at New Orleans, and signed "John H. Woodbury," Watson's alias in Mexico. Watson says that he gave this draft to shield another person, and that he (Watson) never received a cent from Baker. Before leaving Vera Cruz it was definitely settled that the banking house should be opened at Vera Cruz—that Watson should go to New York, and afterwards meet Baker at New Orleans. Baker was given a letter of credit on "Richard Frost," New Orleans, for teathousand dollars, by Watson, but signed Woodbury. It is, perhaps, unnecessary to say, that this letter of credit was not worth "one red cent," and so Mr. Baker found, when he arrived at New Orleans. Watson also offered to give Baker another letter of credit for \$10,000 more on an "imaginary sister" who owned a plantation up the Mississippi, but the clerk refused to take it, saying that \$10,000 was enough. Before they left Vera Cruz, without money or friends, und, with Watson, embarked on a Spanish schooaer bound to Havana. Oa the passage from Vera Cruz to Havana.

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quite a large cirle of acquintances among the boys about town, as he was richly dressed, talkative, and very amusing. He went back to New York one week ago last Saturday, and remained there four days, during which time the writer of these lines saw him frequently on Broadway, in the theatres, etc. We state this to show how ridiculous is the statement in the Journal of yesterday, that "the story of the robbery was soon current in New York, and that city became too warm for the comfort of the prisoner, and he came to Boston."

Many officers in New York, and all the detective police in Boston knew that they could arrest him at any time, but he is not accused of any crime in this country, and it was not known in New York that he was anything but a gambler.

About two weeks since the young man Baker arrived in New York, and it is said that he was sent there by officer Youennes, of New Orleans, with a letter to A. M. C. Smith, of the independent police of that city. Baker then went before Justice B. W. Osborn, and made affidavit that Watson had stolen from him a gold watch, and other valuable articles. On the strength of this affidavit, the Justice issued a warrant, which was placed in the hands of A. M. C. Smith, who arrived in this city early yesterday morning. The warrant was handed to officer Starkweather, who proceeded to the Pemberton House, where Watson loading that it was a reasonable request, and that it would not "set him back any." Watson compiled. He held a levee there yesterday, and was visited by a large number of people. He awowed his entire innocence, and said that Baker got into a nest of gamblers at Mexico, and was well plucked He did not deny that he was one of the party. The young man Baker was also at the office, and appeared much more frightened than Watson, who has despatched messagers to counsel in New York. but a very superb wardrobe, the study of his pour substitution, but a not by gas and the clock. He was told that he was of his counsel in New York, but a count of his party. It is said tha

Committee on Police in favor of providing for the building of a new station house for the use of police of the Mineteenth ward.

Of the Committee on Streets, recommending a concurrance with Board of Assistant Aldermen in the adoption of the resolution and ordinance, to pave Fitth avenue from Thirtieth to Forty-second streets. Also, fence vacant lots between Ninth and Tenth avenues in Twenty-fourth and Twenty furth avenue between Twenty-fourth and Twenty fith streets. Also, between, Thirtieth fand Thirty-first streets, Lexington and Fourth avenues. Also, to regulate, pave and grade Thirtieth facet from Sixth to Seventh avenues. Also, to flag sidewalk on morth side of Beventh street between First avenue and avenue Also, to fine and fill sunken lots in Twentieth street between Pirst and Second avenues. Also, to set curb and gutter stones in Third avenue from Mich to Twenty-eighth street, when required. Also, to fing sidewalk in West Eleventh street, and laying crosswalk in West Eleventh street, and laying crosswalk in Eleventh street between Sixth and Seventh avenues. Also, to fing sidewalks in Thirtieth street between Fifth avenue and Breadway. Of the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips, in favor of concurring with the Board of Assistant Aldermen in the adeption of the resolution directing the Hudson River-Railread Company to extend the pier at the foot of 130th street, North River.

BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

JAN. 30.—The Board of Assistants met at the usual hour. Fresent, the President in the chair, and a quorum of members in their places.

Petition of Thomas Davis, in behalf of the New York Sunday School Union for page of your in the unner

Petition of Thomas Davis, in behalf of the New York Sunday School Union, for use of room in the upper part of Franklin Market. Referred.

Of Riebard W. Conklin, for payment of \$120, for use of omnibusers, Jan. 28th, per order of the Committee on Fire Department. Referred.

Of John F. Tallman, that the end of pier at the foot of Hammond street. North river, be reserved for the use of steamboats, in landing and receiving passengers, during the ensuing year. Adopted.

Report of the Committee on the Law Department, in favor of non-concurrence with the Board of Aldermen in their proposition to apply to the Legislature for leave to borrow money. Adopted.

Committee on Rosde, in favor of concurring in resolution and ordinance to regulate and grade Forty-fith street, from Fith avenue to the East river. Concurred in Report of Committee on Streets, in favor of concurred.

Committee on Rogds, in favor of concurring in resolution and ordinance to regulate and grade forty-fifth street, from Fifth avenue to the East river. Concurred in Report of Committee on Streets, in favor of concurrence to repair Frank street, from Brond to Whitehall street—Adopted. Same committee, on concurrence to compel owners of premises on the scuthwest corner of Greenwich and Vesey street to flag sidewalk in front of said premises—Adopted. Also, to compel owner of house No. 216 Fulton street to raise and flag sidewalk in front of said house—On concurrence, concurred in. Same committee, in tavor of resetting curb and gutter stones in Avenue D, from Second to Troth streets—Concurred in. Same committee, recommending a concurred in. Same committee, recommending a concurred in. Same committee, in the adoption of resolution and ordinance to regulate and act curb and gutter atones in the streets between Thirtieth and Fiftieth streets. Tenth avenue and Hudson river—Concurred in. Same committee, in tavor of compeling owners of three lots in Fultien street, viz. 180, 162, 163, 163, 164, to flag the side walk in front of said lots—Ou concurred in. Same committee, in tavor of compeling owners of three lots in Fultien street, viz. 180, 163, 164, to flag the side walk in front of said lots—Ou concurrence, concurred in

Report of Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips, in favor of extending the pier at the foot of West Twenty-first street to the line of Twelfth avenue. Adopted

Report of Committee on the Law Department in relation to the shed built by the Eric Railroad Company on the pier used by them. The committee are of the opinion, that in building the shed the company have violated the State law and city ordinance. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Report of Committee on Folice in favor of concurrence to build a new station house in the Sixteenth ward, at an expense of \$1,000. Adopted

Committee on Ferries, in favor of lessing ground at foot of Christopher street. North siver, to John C-and Robert L. Stev

U. S. District Court.

Ron. Judge Betts, presiding.

Jan. 20.—Sertence on Francis.—The U. S. District
Attorney called for the sentence of the court on Firederick Franckson, indicted as Francis, for the homicide of Edward Reed, on board the Brandywine.
The Judge, in sentencing the prisoner, said he did not
think it necessary to recapitulate the particulars of
his case; but, under the circumstances which appeared
upon the trial the jury had strongly recommended
him to mercy. The prisoner had been in commonshines
since May last, and as he was anxious to return to
service, and the commander is willing to take him
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David N. Lore vs. the schowner David J Anderson.—This was a libel filed to recover \$638 damages for collision. The two vessels colliding against each other were the above schooner and the sloop Planter, of which the libeliant was owner and master. The facts were, that the two vessels were beating up the North river close-hauled, and collided in the neighborhood of Yonkers. Much evide noe was given in, see and con, and the trial lasted during the past four or five days. The only points of controversy appeared to be, which vessel was on the privileged tack, and was there any alteration of course on the part of the schooner. Mr. McMahon for the defence, insisted that the schooner was on the privileged tack, because she was on the chort tack from the east to the west shore on the wind was N. N. W. which would render her more clore-hauled than the sloop, which was proceeding from the west shore to the east shore on the long tack, and, therefore, had the wind freer than the sloop. The counsel also insisted that the rais of law applying to square rigged vessels on the high seas viz.—"that where both vasels are beating to the windward, the wasel on the larboard tack shall keep her wind, and the one on the larboard tack shall keep her wind, she there both vasels are beating to the windward, the wasel on the starbeard tack shall keep her wind, and the one on the larboard tack shall keep her wind, she there both vasels are beating to the windward, the wasel on the starbeard tack shall keep her wind, and the one on the larboard tack shall keep her wind, and the one on the larboard hand"—should apply to fore and aft rigged vessels on rivers, harbors, hap, and lakes, Mesars, lietts and W. Jay Haskett, on behalf of the libeliant maintained that there was an exception to that rule by a custom existing on the North river, hand offered by the testimony of several

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EXTENSIVE FORGERIES OF LAND WAZRANTS AND POWERS OF ATTORNEY.

Jan. 20—In addition to the arrest of Mr. Shufelide mentioned in yesterday's Herald, two other parties, one named Louis, charged with lorging land warrants and powers of attorney for the United States, have been arrested and committed in default of ball. The offence charged here is of a very extensive nature, and the parties implicated have been hitherto in a respectable station of life.

Jan. 29 — The Fresident in the chair.

Appropriations.

The sum of \$35,000 was voted to the Pablic School Society, to supply a deficiency in the means of the society to meet the expenses of their schools to the first of February next. The application was for \$43,000.

A resolution was presented by Commissioner White, referring to a committee the subject of the difference between the Beard of Education and the Public School Society, respecting the legality of this Board making appropriations to supply deficiences in the Public School Society. Adopted.

Adjourned to next Wednesday.

Post Office Operations — The Post naster General has established the following new post offices for the week ending January 25, 1851:—Heela Works, Opeida county, N. Y. R. B. Shelley, postmaster; Sullivanville, Chemung county, N. Y. Edward Wing, postmaster; Franklin Faulis, Franklin county, N. Y. John Strams, postmaster; Sparta, Livingston county, N. Y. John McNair, postmaster. Sparta, Livingston county, N. Y. John McNair, postmaster.

Bowley Theatel.—The performances of this evening are for the beneft of an excellent actor, Mr. A. W.
Fenno, being his last appearance Those who have
seen his splendid comic ability, while playing at the
Bowers, will certainly remember him to-night. He
presents a very attractive bill. The performances will
commence with the beautiful tragic play of the
"Knight Templar," with J. R. Scott as Gaston Le
March, and Mise Wemyes as Isoline This will be followed by the comedy of "Raising the Wind," with
Mr. Fenno in his great character of Jeremy Diddler.
The entertainments will conclude with the celebrated
drams of the "Pirate of the Isles," with Stevens,
Titten, Miss Wemyes and Miss Denin in the leading
characters. If there were no claim for a bunefit, this
splendid pregramme should draw an immense assemblage. We hope the house will be crammed.

BROADWAY THEATER.—The same intense interest to
see the beautiful spectacle of "Faustus" seems to
exits with the dramatic puttic. We are by no means
surprised at this, as it is made somewhat a new feature
every night, various changer being made in the
Oursival Scene, which, as it is dow presented, even
without the other portion of the place, is all sufficient to attract full houses every right. The spiendid
manner in which Messer. Dyott, Gonway, Davidge,
Shaw, Madame Pontsi and sthers, parform their respective characters, calls forth every night the most
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Busice of the real statement of the avening's neertainment is one that must crowd every department of this excellent dramatic tempie. The first plees is "David Copperfield," and to those who have sum its epresentation, it is unnecessary for us to speak of the alented manner in which each character is performed. It should be enough to say that Messre. Bulvon, Blake, Bland, Jordan, Johnson, firs Russell, Mirs Meerest and Mrs. Hughes, appear, as they are well known to be, perhaps, the best dramatic company is the States. Miss Walters and M. Frederic will demonstrate Miss Walters and M. Frederic will demonstrate Miss Walters and M. Frederic will demonstrate from the respective operas, and the whole will conclude with the admirate comedy of the "Serious Family:" Button as Sieck, and Jordan as Capt, Murphy Maguire. Who will resist the temptation of going to Chambers street?

National Theater.—This evening is set apart for

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NATIONAL THEATRE.—This evening is set apart for the benefit of Mr. W Thom pson. The entertainments presented are exceedingly attractive. They will commence with the new prize drams of the "Dry Goods." Clerk." which is every night received with the warmest demonstrations of pleasure. Miss Malvina will next appear in a new medley dance, and Mr. W. Thompsen in a comic dance. The next feature will be the beautiful extravagants of the "Rights of Women, or the Ladies" Convention." Mr. & Jacobe, will play a solo on the accordson, after which an amusing lecture by "Dr. Guy and his Subjects." This will be followed by the farce of "Namily Jars;" and the entertainments will conclude with the comic beliet of action, entitled the "Rose of Sharon." A great bill for each night.

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Brougham's Lyeruum. — Full and fashionable audiences are nightly attracted to this house of amusement to witness the excellent representation of the "ambassadress." in which Brougham, Duon, Riss M. Taylor, Miss J. Gould, and Mrs. Loder, pourtray their respective parts with great ability, and elisit deserved applause. The piec de deux of Mile. Bucy-Barre and Mr. G. W. Smith, is a most graceful dance—the agile figurants at all times being received with deserved approbation. In the afterpiece of the "Bton Boy." Miss Kate Horn—who is one of the greatest and most attractive, as well as the practicet, features of this establishment—acquirs hereaff as she does in everything, to the delight of all beholders. She is an excellent actress, an amiable woman, and is, and has been, at all times, a popular and deserved favorits.

Bannon's Museum.—The spirit of fun, as well as the spirit of novelty presides over the entertainments at this place, for such a goodly array of humoreus performances are seldom presented anywhere cise, at any price, let alone at such exocedingly low prices, that the saloon amusements seem almost a gratuity. It is impossible to go to Barnum's, afternoon or evening, and not be satisfied. Independent of the vest and costly collection of ouriosities, surpassing acything of the kind out of the royal institutions of Surope, twice a day are given farces, comedy, moral dractic, music, singing and dancing, perfectly unexceptionable in

occasions

Concus.—Another crowded house witnessed the grand pegeant of the "Revolt of the Harom." at the Amenitheatre, last evening. The equestrian act of Mias Mary Ann Wells is a splendid performance, and was applicated throughout. The classic illustrations on two horses, of the "Olympian Wrestlers." by Messra, Frasklin and Runnalls, were given with beau if ni effect and is the best performance of the kind ever given in the ring. Mr R. Rivers was also highly applauded as the "Sailor on a Lee Shore," in which act he has no rival. A very intresting programme is advertised for this evening, terminating with the grand "Revolt of the Harem."

Washington Hait.—This hall is every night the

grand "Revolt of the Harem."

Wassington Hall.—This hall is every night the resort of the most respectable and discerning audiences. The Panorama is exceedingly beautiful—its pictorial eloquence reaches the heart, leaving deep and lasting impressions of the necessity of a well spent life, which leads to undying happiness.

Paronama or lexiand.—We are giad to perceive that this exhibition, which comes off every creating at the Olympic, is being well patronized. We are infarmed that several beautiful Lewther paintings are delly expected, which will give a fluish to this very attractive exhibition. If the soal speaks true where he tractive exhibition. It the post spenge true where he says, "Eloquence charms the soul, song charms the sense," these can both be enjoyed, as the lecturer is perfectly brilliant in his historical reminiscences, and reveral appropriate songs are interspensed, which help considerably to give the whole a grand effect.

Earran's Cosmonants are being viewed by numbers Gaily. They are pronounced by all te be paintings of great artistic merit. great artistic merit.

Mr. J. Encouran.—We are happy to hear that this excellent dramatic writer and time comedian is perfectly recovered from his resent indisperition.

Mr. Demostra is giving concerts in Washington City.

ITALIAN OPERA House, - Bellini's"Romoo-and Juliet" was repeated last night, before a very brilliant audience, but less largo than it would have been on the preceding night, when a postponement took place. Parodi, in her grand impersonation of Romes, left Parodi, in her grand impersonation of Romeo, left nothing undone to give the greatest effect to the character, and sang with the utmost energy and beauty of expression. Miss Virginia Whiting, added to her laurels, by singing with firmness, confidence, and spirit. Her acting exhibited many excellent qualities, and she and Farodi were called before the curtain at the close of the two acts, when they were both whemently applauded. The opera will be repeated tonight, and as a few more representations only of the grand characters of Parodi can be expected the public should not loss such an opportunity. The ramore with regard to the farther engagements of the eminent vocalist, we believe to be sitogether premature. Banquirico's benefit will be performed.

Character's Mistrants.—The same excellent enter-

the Barber of Seville" will be performed.

Commerc's Missemans.—The same excellent entertainments as those given every avening are offered forto night's amusement. Christy manages well. Rivery
part of his performance moves on with regularity and,
erder. The negro melodies are rendered, with great
harmony, and the instrumental exercises give general
pleasure and sanisaction.

Fritows' Missemans.—This excellent band of minstrels are visited every night by crowds to hear their
new burbsquas. Every performance adds fresh haureis
to their wreath of triumphs. Go early, and securagood seats, and sujey a right good laugh.

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BENAFIT OF Mr. JONES.—This gentleman is one of the proprietors of the band of minutes styled Felloum Minutes. Since he joined this establishment, he has by yersevaring industry, made it what it now is, a very perular company. It is hoped his numerous friend will remember him on Wednesday evening next. Manual Valentics will give her first public med lead solice at Constitution Hall this evening. See I siche Bong is said to be beautiful.

RUMORED RESIDENTIES OF GOVERNOR Qut rman, of Miss.—We heard yesterday, on the tareas, that Governor Quitman has resigned his position as Governor of the State of Musissippi, in order to attend his trial here, for being concerned in assexpedition to Cuba. It this should prove true, the Chief Executive of the State will devot re upon the Hon. J. J. Guion, P esident of the Ser ate of Musissippi. This gentleman is a whig, but faily successippi. This gentleman is a whig, but faily successippi. The gentleman is a whig, but faily successing the position of Governor Quitrans on the great question between the North and r south.—New Orleans Delta, Jan. 22.

The Boffalo Course publy shes an article on the commerce of the lakes, oncentrating at Baffalo, for the year 1850, prepare of from the manifests exhibited at the custom he asse in that city. It shows that there was imperated in that city. It shows that there was imperated in the Buffalo, from the merchandise to the value of \$22,525,781 and that \$44,501,737—tor ris during the year amounted to may be added? It valuation, \$67,627,518. To this Tomawanda, rorts at the lower end of Like Erie, merce of 0 seels, in order to show the total coancered by rorts during the year amounted to \$3,153, of the lakes which concentrates at Buffalo ar determing an aggregate of \$70,18 of the whole forming an aggregate of \$70,18 of the whole forming an aggregate of the port of Buffalo alone, as filed in the topogra
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